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## Operations

### SAMTO OPERATIONS

This regulation establishes the responsibilities of the SAMTO Directorate of Operations (SAMTO/DO), and of the Eastern and Western Space and Missile Centers (ESMC and WSMC) in support of the DO function. SAMTO/DO is the HQ SAMTO focal point for operations (test, launch, range and other) and for related safety matters.

#### I. Management:

##### a. The SAMTO Directorate of Operations will:

- (1) Establish operations policy, generate appropriate documentation to cover the use of SAMTO resources, and interpret and issue guidance on higher headquarters directives.
- (2) Provide the focal point to standardize procedures and requirements, where appropriate, for programs which use both ESMC and WSMC resources.
- (3) Review changes to the existing test, launch, range, or safety policies and philosophy used at ESMC and WSMC and submit significant changes to SAMTO/CC for approval.
- (4) Review and coordinate on program support concepts that commit SAMTO resources prior to final agreement with the user. DO is not expected to review all such items, but is to establish working procedures with the Centers that will insure DO participation in those that commit substantial resources.
- (5) Maintain, for the Commander, current status of on-going test activities, launch operations, and range operations, and on modifications and improvements to SAMTO capabilities.
- (6) Review and coordinate on improvements to the Eastern or Western Test Range that may affect existing launch or range operations policies or philosophy.
- (7) Review organizational changes within the ESMC and WSMC test groups and range organizations that change the functional activities of their divisions or shift manpower to reflect a revised mission emphasis.

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(8) Monitor all launch and test operations.

b. The Eastern and Western Space and Missile Centers will:

(1) Develop procedures to support the SAMTO/DO operations activities.

(2) Assure that SAMTO/DO personnel have free access to all Center activities and Center test and operations related data.

2. Communications. ESMC and WSMC will assure that DO is kept fully informed on the current status of on-going test activities, launch operations, and range operations, and on modifications and improvements to Center capabilities. SAMTO/DO will assure that appropriate Center test, launch, and range personnel are apprised of potential problems and issues identified through SAMTO/DO contacts with higher headquarters or program office personnel, and that formal tasking of Center organizations is routed through appropriate command channels.

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